IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) Maik RABE et al.

Serial No. 10/537,955

Filed December 13, 2005

For MAGNETO-RESISTIVE LAYER SYSTEM AND SENSOR

ELEMENT HAVING THIS LAYER SYSTEM

Examiner Allison Bernstein

Art Unit 2824

Confirmation No. 1384

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via the Office electronic filing system on April 2, 2009.

Signature: /Wendy Espinal/

Wendy Espinal

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 2, 2009 (the threemonth response date for which is May 2, 2009), kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP.